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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND WILL TRY TO ATTEND ARF ISG IN HONOLULU, OCTOBER 17-19

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On September 19 and 23, Acting DCM discussed reftel conference invitation with Deborah Panckhurst, Deputy Director of the Disarmament Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). Panckhurst said that MFAT was keen to have someone attend the conference. She cautioned, however, that they may not be able to spare anyone from their already limited staff. The most likely candidate attendee would be Deborah Reedy, Management Support Officer in the Disarmament Division.

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